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New Unsolved Homicides Section on Durham Police Department Website

The Durham Police Department has added a new Unsolved Homicides section on its www.durhampolice.com website. The section features descriptions of unsolved homicides and more cases will be added every week. This is the link to the new section - <http://durhamnc.gov/ich/op/DPD/Pages/Unsolved-Homicides-.aspx>

“We know that there are people who have information about these unsolved homicides and we hope that they will come forward. These victims have not been forgotten and we want to continue to pursue justice for them and their families,” said Homicide Investigator Delois West.

Diane Jones, chapter leader of the Durham Chapter of Parents of Murdered Children, is the mother of David “Butch” Bullock who was murdered in 1997. His unsolved homicide is featured on the website.

“The murder of my son changed my life. Every day I hurt. There is an empty feeling in my heart that will not go away,” Jones said.

“Over the years I have seen mothers grieving themselves to death, agonizing over not knowing who killed their child. A murder going unsolved not only affects the victim’s family, it also leaves the perpetrators out there to terrorize and possibly kill again,” she said.

“I just hope someone sees this and has the compassion to say, ‘I need to do the right thing.’ People ask what they can do to stop the violence. I say start by caring enough to ask yourself what if this was my family member. Wouldn’t you want someone to speak up?” she said.

There is a special phone line - (919) 560-4118 – people may call to provide information about any unsolved homicide case. There is also an email address - unsolvedhomicides@durhamnc.gov - for people to contact investigators. Information may be provided in English and in Spanish.

People with information are also urged to call Durham CrimeStoppers at (919) 683-1200. CrimeStoppers pays cash rewards for information leading to arrests in felony cases and callers remain anonymous.

The Unsolved Homicides website section will be heavily promoted during the next month as part of the department’s National Night Out outreach, which helps heighten awareness of police and residents working together.

